

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 621

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sterling Haskel "Hack" Ayers upon his receipt of the Campbell County Good Scout Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Sterling Haskel "Hack" Ayers, who will be honored with the Good Scout Award for outstanding leadership in Campbell County during a ceremony to be held at the Ball Farm Event Center in LaFollette on March 15, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the award is presented by the Boy Scouts of America, which has provided youth guidance in character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Campbell County, Hack Ayers is a 1954 graduate of Jacksboro High School, where he was class president and captain of the football team; and

WHEREAS, the owner and operator of Ayers Auction and Real Estate for more than sixty years, Mr. Ayers has served as president of the Tennessee Auctioneers Association and is a member of its Hall of Fame; he is also a past president and member of the National Auctioneers Association Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the author of *Hills, Deals, and Stills*, Hack Ayers served his community as Campbell County Clerk for four years and as a State Representative from 1966 to 1970; and

WHEREAS, a committed and conscientious civic leader, Mr. Ayers has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order as a charter member of the South

Campbell County Rotary Club and a board member of the Museum of Appalachia and four community banks; and

WHEREAS, Hack Ayers evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of the LaFollette Church of God; and

WHEREAS, Hack Ayers is grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of sixty-two years, Tomi, and his daughters, Debra Nelson, Traci Dower, and Codi Provins; he is the loving grandfather of seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, with another great-grandchild on the way; and

WHEREAS, through his estimable service to Campbell County, Mr. Ayers epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Hack Ayers for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Sterling Haskel "Hack" Ayers upon his receipt of the Campbell County Good Scout Award, thank him for his meritorious service to Campbell County and this State, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.